

RemarksRejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-15, 21-22, and 24-25 as obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over United States patent number 6,453,127 issued to Wood et al (hereinafter referred to as Wood) in view of published United States patent application 2002/0036793 naming Roosen et al as inventors (hereinafter referred to as Roosen). The Examiner has rejected claim 23 as obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Wood in view of Roosen and further in view of published United States patent application 2002/0131072 naming Jackson as an inventor (hereinafter referred to as Jackson). The Applicant respectfully requests careful consideration by the Examiner of the following explanation regarding the amendments to the claims and the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Support for the amendments to claims 1, 15, and 21 can be found, for example, in paragraphs 0047 and 0053 of the written description.

Rejections of claims 1-14 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The amended claim 1 includes the limitations of "configuring a printer control panel using said at least one software application by selecting one or more features for controlling said printing device to include in said printer control panel ***while excluding unselected ones of said one or more features from user selection for controlling said printing device through said printer control panel***". (emphasis added). Column 3, lines 22-31 of Wood disclose:

An example of a set of parameters can be seen in FIG. 4 which is a basic user interface display page for the printer 15. As can be seen from the display page, ***a user has choice selections across a top row to select various job operations such as scan, reprint, assemble, manage, reset, proof set, send/start***. The various job operations for selection and other options being described may be selected via touch screen operation, mouse-cursor selection or through buttons provided as part of the screen or on an accessory housing. (emphasis added)

And, column 3 lines 54-65 of Wood disclose:

Below the display line are several columns of options, namely sides to be imaged, collate selections, paper supply options, image quality (darken-lighten) selections, reduction/enlargement selection, finisher selections, quantity requested. ***Additional display options for selection can call up job information such as job level features, page level features, and instructions.*** The job level and page level features allow each job to be set up in accordance with complex features drawn to changes or editing on a page level basis within a job. Other features include image annotation and image merge, etc. (emphasis added)

These cited sections of Wood and Figure 4 of Wood appear to disclose that a set of "options" and "additional display options" are available "for selection" by a user. Wood does not appear to disclose that the set of "options" available "for selection" as shown in Figure 4 can be configured differently by excluding certain ones of the "options" from being available "for selection". That is, Wood does not appear to disclose that capability of "excluding unselected ones of said one or more features from user selection for controlling said printing device through said printer control panel" of the "user interface screen" represented by figure 4. (emphasis added)

As the Examiner is well aware, MPEP 2143.03 requires that "[t]o establish prima facie obviousness of a claimed invention, all the claim limitations must be taught or suggested by the prior art". Neither Wood, Roosen or Jackson appear to disclose subject matter upon which these limitations of the amended claim 1 will read. Therefore, for at least this reason the Applicant respectfully contends that a valid prima facie obviousness rejection of the amended claim 1 does not appear to be present. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Claims 2, and 4-14 depend, either directly or indirectly upon the amended claim 1 and therefore incorporate all the limitations of the amended claim 1. Therefore, for at least the reason that a valid prima facie obviousness rejection of the amended claim 1 does not appear to be present, a valid prima facie

obviousness rejection of claims 2 and 4-14 does not appear to be present. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections of claims 2 and 4-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Claim 3 has been canceled rendering the rejection of this claim under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) moot.

Rejection of claim 15 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The amended claim 15 includes the limitations of "said at least one software application configured to provide for selection of one or more features for controlling said printing device to include in the printer control panel and configured to ***exclude unselected ones of said one or more features from user selection for controlling said printing device through the printer control panel***". (emphasis added) As explained with respect to the amendments made to claim 1, the Applicant respectfully contends that neither Wood, Roosen or Jackson disclose subject matter upon which these limitations of the amended claim 15 read. Therefore, for at least this reason the Applicant respectfully contends that a valid prima facie obviousness rejection of the amended claim 15 does not appear to be present. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claim 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Rejections of claims 21-22 and 24-25 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The amended claim 21 includes the limitations of "configuring said printer control panel using said at least one software application by selecting one or more features for controlling said printing device to include in said printer control panel while ***excluding unselected ones of said one or more features from user selection for controlling said printing device through said printer control panel***". (emphasis added) As explained with respect to the amendments made to claim 1, the Applicant respectfully contends that neither Wood, Roosen or Jackson disclose subject matter upon which these limitations of the amended claim 21 read. Therefore, for at least this reason the Applicant

respectfully contends that a valid prima facie obviousness rejection of the amended claim 21 does not appear to be present. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Claims 22, and 24-25 depend, either directly or indirectly upon the amended claim 21 and therefore incorporate all the limitations of the amended claim 21. Therefore, for at least the reason that a valid prima facie obviousness rejection of the amended claim 21 does not appear to be present, a valid prima facie obviousness rejection of claims 22 and 24-25 does not appear to be present. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections of claims 22 and 24-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Rejection of claim 23 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

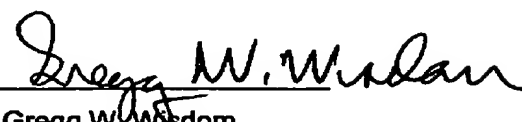
Claim 23 is dependent upon the amended claim 21 and therefore incorporates all the limitations of the amended claim 21. Therefore, for at least the reason that a valid prima facie obviousness rejection of the amended claim 21 does not appear to be present, a valid prima facie obviousness rejection of claim 23 does not appear to be present. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claim 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Conclusion

The Applicants respectfully contend that the subject application is in a condition for allowance. Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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